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## BOMBS HURLED BY A ZEPPELIN RAIDER KILL AND WOUND 30; FIRE BRITISH TOWN

### GERMAN EMBASSY DENIES TRICK ON U. S. BY AGENT AMBASSADOR SENT HOME

Statement That Dr. Meyer-Gerhard Was Not Really Munitions Buyer, as Charged.

LANSING TO INQUIRE.

Says Bryan Had Assurances From Von Bernstorff Regarding Emissary.

Denial was made to-day to a reporter of The Evening World at the Summer German Embassy at Cedarhurst, L. I., that Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, who recently sailed for Germany as the agent of Ambassador von Bernstorff to acquaint the Berlin Government more fully respecting American sentiment, was in reality Dr. Alfred Meyer, of the Kaiser's War Ministry, who has been actively engaged in this country in attempting to purchase war munitions.

Denial was also made of another story that a Dr. Meyer had sailed with Dr. Meyer-Gerhard when he took passage on the Scandinavian-American liner Bergensfjord, in the capacity of Secretary to the German Envoy's Emissary to his home Government.

Back of the two stories was the statement, which has amazed Washington, that the United States was tricked into obtaining for Dr. Meyer-Gerhard what virtually amounted to a safe conduct to Germany.

In the absence of Ambassador von Bernstorff, Counselor von Hainel, representing him, saw The Evening World reporter at the summer embassy.

"Of course," said the Counselor, "we cannot take any official notice of the conflicting statements that Dr. Meyer-Gerhard was not Dr. Meyer-Gerhard and that Dr. Meyer-Gerhard was Dr. Meyer-Gerhard, but sneaked Dr. Alfred Meyer across to Germany as his secretary. We cannot officially even deny these statements.

"But, I can say, unofficially and for the information of the readers of The Evening World that the stories are absurd. Dr. Meyer-Gerhard was in this country for months as a representative of the Red Cross. During his stay here he met hundreds of people and is known personally to hundreds.

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### CONLEY 'MURDER NOTES' UP AT FRANK'S HEARING

Reasons Given to Show They Were Written by the Negro Without Dictation by Prisoner.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 16.—Resuming his argument to-day before Gov. Slaton for a commutation of the death sentence against Leo M. Frank, Attorney W. M. Howard went into detail concerning the negro Jim Conley's testimony as chief witness against the prisoner.

He produced the "murder notes," said by the prosecution to have been written at Frank's dictation and found beside the body of Mary Phagan, and adduced many reasons for believing that Conley himself wrote them without dictation from any one.

The Governor was expected to decide by Friday or Saturday whether or not to commute Frank's sentence from death to life imprisonment.

### CLERK WHO TRIPLED STOLEN FUNDS FREED AND GIVEN JOB BACK

Employers Refuse to Prosecute Young Man of Such Business Acumen.

The employers of Albert Rees, the twenty-two-year-old clerk who stole \$2,000 from them and ran it up to \$6,000 by good investments, are so impressed by his business acumen that they will not only not prosecute him, but will retain him in their employ. The complaint against him was withdrawn in the Morrisania Court to-day.

"In view of the fact that Rees did not use the money in gambling and on women," explained Edgar Martin, counsel for Lanigan Brothers, Bronx contractors for whom Rees worked, "his employers have reached this decision.

"Rees was an efficient worker and the money he made by using the firm's funds was invested with such shrewd judgment that he is able to make full restitution. As this is the first charge against him, they want to give him a chance."

Magistrate Levy said he was willing to dismiss the complaint if Assistant District Attorney Mullin agreed. Rees was freed and now will devote his talents to the interests of the firm.

The arrest followed an investigation which disclosed that checks which Rees had been given to deposit in the firm's bank had been diverted to his own use. He led detectives to his own bank and showed deposits of \$6,000. He declared he only wanted to run the account up to \$10,000 and had planned to make restitution then. Rees lives at No. 969 Tinton Avenue, The Bronx.

### BOURKE COCHRAN FILES APPEAL FOR BECKER

Declares Justice Seabury Did Not Present Becker's Side Fully to Jury.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 16.—A reply to District Attorney Perkins's brief in the application for reargument of the case of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker was filed in the Court of Appeals to-day by Bourke Cochran. The reply reiterates that Justice Seabury, who presided at Becker's second trial, did not present Becker's case fully to the jury.

### MAYOR SENDS MULLAN TO CARNIVALE TRIAL.

That Mayor Mitchell is interested in the trial of Rocco Carnivale and the allegations concerning Deputy Commissioner Rofrano was shown to-day when Tax Commissioner George V. Mullan, former law partner of the Mayor, was a spectator. It was at first believed that Commissioner Mullan had been subpoenaed as a witness for the prosecution or defense, but the lawyers on both sides said they had not called him. Asked if he represented Mayor Mitchell in the case Commissioner Mullan replied:

"I don't exactly represent him. I am here at his request, however."

### DE WITT C. BLAIR LEFT \$50,000,000 EQUALLY TO SONS

Will of Famous Banker Is Admitted to Probate in Belvidere, N. J.

\$50,000 TO HIS NIECES.

Millions Left to Wife, Now Dead, Revert to His Huge Estate.

The will of De Witt C. Blair, for many years head of the great banking house of Blair & Co., has been admitted to probate at Belvidere, N. J., by Surrogate Smith. It disposes of an estate valued at more than \$50,000,000. Nearly all goes to his sons, C. Ledyard Blair, formerly Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, and his brother, J. Insley Blair, on equal terms.

According to the terms of the will, which was made Oct. 6, 1906, one-sixth share of the estate goes outright to the sons for their services to their father in his lifetime and for their work as executors and trustees. Bequests of several millions to his wife, Mary C. Blair, because of her death revert to the estate. Fifty thousand dollar trusts are established for three nieces of Mr. Blair, and there are bequests of from \$4,000 to \$500 to servants.

The residuary estate is left to the sons and provision is made that their actions shall not be questioned as to their right to employ, discharge, buy or sell, or in the appointment of their successors.

### POPE WARNS AGAINST AIR RAIDS TO ROME

Tells Austria Destruction of Church Property Might Cause Serious Trouble.

ROME, June 16.—Pope Benedict has informed Austria that should an air raid result in damage to church property in Rome or to the residences of dignitaries, the Vatican would consider it a grave incident. His Holiness added that under such circumstances maintenance of friendly relations between the Vatican and Austria would be extremely difficult.

### TORPEDOED STEAMER JUST WOULDN'T SINK

Even Shells From a German Cruiser Couldn't Send Swedish Lumber Ship to Bottom.

COPENHAGEN, June 16.—The 360-ton Swedish steamer Verdan was both torpedoed and shelled by German warships off Christiania Sound yesterday, but remained afloat because of her lumber cargo, according to dispatches received here to-day.

A submarine first torpedoed the Verdan, but she failed to sink. A German cruiser then came alongside, took off the crew and shelled the steamer for several minutes. The Germans then abandoned the crippled vessel.

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### YOUTHFUL BURGLAR SAYS GIRL ROBBED SEA CLIFF HOUSES

Admits Complicity, but Lays Blame on Beautiful Young Society Matron.

LOOT IN PAWNSHOPS.

Her Husband, Following Pair, Discovers Clues That Betray Female "Raffles."

Everybody in Sea Cliff blames the girl. Since the time Father Adam made his lame excuse this has been the case, but to-day the Nassau County Grand Jury listened to the story of how Donald Clapham and Ruth Taylor became burglars, and will or will not indict one or both as that august body sees fit. More than a dozen witnesses have been summoned to appear and testify against the pair.

Just before going into the Grand Jury room to-day, after having waived immunity, Donald joined those who blamed the girl, although he explained that he didn't want to do it. "I don't want to place the blame on Ruth, but really she took all the things and I stood by," he said. "We had a good time, all right, and I know I was an awful fool, but I want to tell the Grand Jury all about it so they will understand how it happened."

At the home of Ruth's mother, Mrs. Lucinda B. Taylor, it was said that the girl was ill and would not appear before the Grand Jury to-day. Three of the victims of the burglaries who did appear were Emil Winterroth, the piano manufacturer; Mrs. Elizabeth Watson and Mrs. John Wood.

It was the terrible duress, the unendurable ennui of life in the town of Sea Cliff during the winter months that drove the young couple to try that form of larceny which contemplates the forcing of empty houses and making off with linen, cut glass and silverware. This is substantially what both have told the police, for they have "fessed" up to the whole affair and yesterday, in company with Constable Charles Wittenberg, young Clapham visited several pawnshops in both Brooklyn and Manhattan where he and his pretty accomplice had pledged many of the stolen pieces. He paid the pledges with money his father had given him, and the things were brought back to Sea Cliff. They will be shown to the Grand Jury to-day.

Both are young, neither over twenty-one, and the awful monotony of their life at home induced them to the thefts. They wanted some money to

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### EMPEROR WILLIAM HALTS 20 EXECUTIONS

Orders That No More Shall Take Place in Belgium Until He O. K.s Them.

AMSTERDAM, June 16 (via London).—Every sentence of death by a court-martial in Belgium must hereafter be endorsed by Emperor William before the prisoners are executed, according to a telegram received to-day by the Tyd from Maastricht.

Emperor William telegraphed these instructions on learning that eight citizens of Liege had been executed for alleged espionage, and that twenty others were in prison charged with the same offense.

There was great anxiety as to the probable fate of the twenty until Emperor William's order was posted along the list of names of those who already had been shot.

### Heiress Who Rejected Noblemen And American She Weds To-Day



### \$300,000 IN GIFTS FOR BIDDLE DUKE WEDDING TO-DAY

Guards to Prevent a "Robin Hood" Denouement for Double Romance.

A pretty double romance is to be finally rounded out to-day at Duke Farms, the magnificent country estate of James B. Duke at Somerville, N. J., when his favorite niece, Miss Mary L. Duke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin N. Duke, becomes the bride of Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle of Philadelphia.

The romance had its real beginning in Philadelphia, April 28 last, when Angier Buchanan Duke, brother of Miss Mary Duke, married Miss Cordelia Drexel Biddle, sister of young Mr. Biddle Jr. Friends of the family knew that a pleasant surprise was to follow the ceremony. It came in the announcement of the engagement of Miss Duke and Mr. Biddle Jr.

And it was a real love match, this betrothal of one of the greatest of American heiresses and a sturdy young member of an American family which is foremost in democracy, blood and wealth. Miss Duke had been wooed by princes and noblemen. She rejected them all for a keen, clean-cut, blue-eyed Yankee.

Society people from New York and Philadelphia flocked to the farm to-day. On the great Duke estate of 4,200 acres, filled with fountains and flowers, birds and trees of all kinds, they found a background for a romantic wedding which could not be equalled anywhere in the world.

"A marriage in Paradise." Former President William H. Taft, one of the guests, called it, and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, another of the invited

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## 63 DEAD AND WOUNDED IN TWO AIR RAIDS ON BRITAIN AND GERMANY

Toll Taken by Zeppelin Near English Coast Is 15 Killed and 15 Injured; 19 Dead and 14 Seriously Hurt at Karlsruhe.

### PLACE RAIDED IN BRITAIN KEPT SECRET BY CENSOR.

LONDON, June 16.—Thirty-four persons were killed, twenty-nine seriously wounded and many others hurt in two great air raids yesterday—one conducted by the Germans and the other by French and British aviators.

The German raid was over the northeast coast of England. It is officially announced that a Zeppelin dropped many bombs over a district near the coast. Fifteen persons were killed and fifteen were wounded.

"Some fires were started by the projectiles from the Zeppelin," declares the report, "but by this morning they had been overcome."

This is the heaviest loss of life recorded in the Zeppelin raids on England. In the recent bombardment of London six persons lost their lives.

Following out its new policy of suppressing the names of localities attacked, the first official statement from the Admiralty to-day simply stated that the "northeast coast" was bombed.

The raid by the French and British aviators was over the German city of Karlsruhe. A wireless despatch from that place says nineteen persons were killed and fourteen seriously wounded, while many others were slightly injured by a fleet of French aeroplanes. The people remained calm, but are incensed because of the attack upon an open town.

In describing the raid a Paris despatch says that twenty-three French and British aeroplanes took part in yesterday's raid on the city of Karlsruhe, capital of the Grand Duchy of Baden, seventy-five miles from the French frontier.

The particular objects of their attack were the palace of the Grand Duke, the railroad station and the arms factories. Though subjected to a terrific fire from anti-aircraft guns, all but two of the aeroplanes returned in safety.

The attack was made, according to an official statement, "in retaliation for the bombardment by the Germans of French and English open towns."

"Although caught by a northwest wind," says the official statement, "they arrived over the town between 5.50 and 6.30 o'clock. They dropped two projectiles on the objects which had been indicated to them. A great number of fires broke out during the time the aeroplanes were flying over Karlsruhe."

The raid resulted in considerable damage, although the nature of it had not been given in detail.

The aviators reached a point in Germany further from their lines than any point previously reached by French or British aircraft.

"Serious panic," says the statement, "was observed at the station, from which the trains departed hastily, proceeding in an easterly direction. None of them was hit."

Under Secretary for War Harold Tennant said in the House of Commons this afternoon that Great Britain is preparing for aerial warfare on a gigantic scale.

The Government is now manufacturing a large aeroplane, similar to the Russian Sikorsky, which carries five men and five times as much explosive as the ordinary biplane. Tennant announced. Within the past few months the number of British aeroplanes for war purposes has been increased ten-fold and the number of troops equipped five-fold.

### CHICAGO STRIKE ENDED BY FIRM ACTION OF MAYOR

He Holds Contending Leaders 15 Hours Under Lock and Key, Until They Agree.

CHICAGO, June 16.—The strike of 14,000 street car men was called off shortly after 5 o'clock to-day. All points at issue will be settled by arbitration. Operation of cars on all lines was resumed as quickly as the striking men could be notified.

The end of the strike, which had tied up surface and "L" transportation for two days, came with the selection of Mayor William Hale Thompson as the third member of a board of arbitration. Officials of the companies will select an arbitrator by Saturday, it was announced, and W. D. Mahon, International President of the Street Car Men's Union, probably will be named to represent the men.

The selection of Mayor Thompson came at the end of a fifteen-hour conference, which began yesterday afternoon. Union leaders, officials of the traction lines and members of the Mayor's Aldermanic Strike Committee were in attendance.

Announcement of a settlement came too late to start cars for the rush hours early to-day, and the great armies of workers were obliged to again depend on the thousands of motor busses, moving trucks, ice wagons and railroad suburban trains for transportation.

### RUSSIAN GRAND DUKE ACTIVE IN ARMY, DEAD

Heart Disease Kills Constantine Constantinovich, Head of Military Schools.

PETROGRAD, via London, June 16.—Grand Duke Constantine Constantinovich, President of the Imperial Academy of Sciences and head of the Department of Military Schools, died last night of heart disease. He was fifty-seven years old. He was a member of the reigning family and his heir is Prince Jean Constantinovich.

Grand Duke Constantine Constantinovich, who was a general of infantry, was one of the commanding figures in the Russian nobility. He had not been exempt from revolutionists' plots, for an attempt was made in 1907 to blow up at Oreil the train on which he was a passenger. He was severely arraigned with other Grand Dukes in 1908 for attempting to influence the actions of the Duma.

The Grand Duke always was deeply interested in the sciences, arts and literature. In 1909 he staged a play, "The Bride of Messina," before Emperor Nicholas and the Imperial family. He married in 1884 Princess Elizabeth of Saxe-Altenburg.

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